

Medications

The committee is recommending that the program teach medication categories instead of individual medications. The will ensure a more uniform program that doesn't have to be changed whenever medications come in and out of use.

Proposed Medication Classifications

- a. Anti-Infectives
- b. Anticoagulants
- c. Anticonvulsants
- d. Antidiabetics
- e. Antidysrhythmics
- f. Antihypertensives: including ACE Inhibitors, calcium channel blockers, diuretics, alpha blockers, beta blockers
- g. Antipsychotics
- h. Cardiac Glycosides
- i. Corticosteroids
- j. Gastrointestinal agents, including H₂-blockers, PPI's, and somatostatin and its analogues (somatostatin)
- k. IV fluids, Electrolytes: including dextran, albumin, hetastarch
- l. Miscellaneous: drotrecogin
- m. Narcotics: including all routes **except** epidural.
- n. Nutritional Supplements: Parenteral nutrition and Vitamins
- o. Platelet Aggregation Inhibitors: including IIb/IIIa inhibitors

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- p. Respiratory medications: beta agonists, anticholinergics, mucolytics, steroids
- q. Sedatives: benzodiazepines, barbiturates
- r. Vasoactive agents: antihypertensives, pressors/sympathomimetics

Over-The-Counter Medications

It may be necessary to use medications which are not routinely part of the PIFT program but are common medications, such as over the counter medications. In these circumstances, where the medication is a routine over the counter medication, continuation of such use may be approved as long as the following criteria have been met:

1. That it was a medication that the patient had used previously without any adverse or allergic reaction.
2. That the medication would be supplied by the sending facility for the purpose of this transport.
3. That the sending physician would write an order for this as for any other medication to be used on the transport which includes medication name, dose, form of the medication, route of administration, and timing of initial and repeat dosing.

Devices

The group is recommending that the following devices be added to the program, with the service developing a plan to assure the competency and proficiency in the operation in any and all devices specified in this protocol:

- a. Foley Catheters: including Continuous Bladder Irrigation
- b. Central Lines: maintenance, not insertion
- c. Transvenous pacer
- d. IV pumps
- e. Chest Tubes: to water seal and Heimlich valve
- f. Maintenance of NG/OG tubes

Notes

Patient controlled pumps, G-tubes, and J-tubes are OK for transport by any level of licensure and do not require this training module.

Vagal nerve stimulators should fall under the special device protocol